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COMING EVENTS

Jan 11 Joint installation of officers of Post and Corps at G. A. R. Hall.

Jan 12 Twin-Jitney Social by Epworth League at Social Hall, M. E. Church.

Jan 12 P. E. O. Meeting at home of Mrs Charles Phillips.
Topic: "The Women of Germany."

Jan 17 Kensington Club meets at home of Mrs. Ripley.

Jan 18 Thursday Afternoon Club—Home Products Day.

Jan 18 Union High Alumni Vaudeville at Palace Grand Theatre, Glendale.

Jan 19 Meeting of Mothers' Club of Acacia School.

Jan 31 Meeting of U and I Club at the home of Mrs Edwin Virden.

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Tropico's water supply always has been and always will be of paramount interest to her citizens, who are groaning under present conditions and hoping for some escape from private ownership which will better affairs both for the city and private consumers. Readers cannot fail therefore to be interested in the following communication sent to the Sentinel by the Railway Commission embodying its decision on the application of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company for permission to sell to the Tropico City Water Company. It will be noted that while granting the permit, the Commission does not sustain the value put upon the property by the Title Guarantee and Trust Company. The proposed sale is merely a reorganization to enable stockholders to handle the system to advantage, the Title Company not having been organized to do the business of a water company:

January 8, 1917.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Commissioners: Max Thelen, President; H. D. Loveland, Alex Gordan, Edwin O. Edgerton, Frank R. Devlin.

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The Railroad Commission has issued an order authorizing the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, of Los Angeles, to sell to the Tropico City Water Company for \$34,000 of the latter's common capital stock and \$30,000 of twenty year six per cent bonds, the water system in Tropico. The Water Company was organized last September with a capital stock of \$50,000 to buy the property in question, which is a part of the system formerly owned by the Glendale Consolidated Water Company, whose properties were foreclosed and sold to the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, trustee under a mortgage. The Title company has sold a number of water plants belonging to the Glendale company, and still owns three, one in Tropico, one in Los Angeles and one in South Pasadena. The Tropico property is valued at \$48,369 by the Railroad Commission's engineers, and the Title company reports that it has spent \$3,549 for extensions and improvements since the appraisal.

The Tropico Water Company asked the commission for authority to give the Title company \$49,700 of its capital stock, and \$50,000 of six per cent twenty years bonds for the property, the stock to be issued on the basis of \$90 a share, and the bonds at 90 per cent of face value. The president of the Title company stated that the Water company was organized to sell the property to better advantage. The commission's decision today says that the amount of stock and bonds asked to be issued is in excess of that justified by existing conditions. The commission states that when a defunct corporation is being reorganized as in this instance, the new corporation should issue stocks and bonds closely approximating the fair value of the properties, whereas the issue of bonds asked by the Tropico company equals practically the depreciated cost new of the system to be bought. Thus the commission allows an issue of stock and bonds in a total of \$64,000 instead of \$99,700 as asked.

The Railroad Commission has also authorized the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, as trustees for the bondholders of the Glendale Consolidated Water Company, to lease to the city of Los Angeles its water sys-

tem within that city with an option to purchase for \$8,540.55.

HOME PRODUCTS DAY

California products, especially those of Southern California, will be the topic of the Thursday Club's next meeting, January 18th, to which husbands and fathers of members will be specially invited. It will make the club's participation in a general movement to promote the business interests of the State. Miss Grace Stoermer, vice president of Daughters of the Golden West, who is an enthusiastic lecturer and promoter in this line of work, will be speaker of the afternoon. Mrs. A. L. Bancroft will have charge of the program.

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UNION HIGH NOTES

The pay assembly to be held on the afternoon of January 12th will be musical and literary, the program being provided by Los Angeles artists. The proceeds will go to the Student Fund.

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The Physiology Class went to the Glendale Sanitarium Friday morning to witness a demonstration of the X-Ray by one of the Sanitarium staff. The class watched with lively interest the heart beating of Merle Eckles and the action of a stomach at work after he had swallowed a glass of buttermilk containing barium sulphate, a mineral element which made it luminous under the operation of the X-Ray. After the return to the class room, Berna Martin gave a history of the discovery and development of the X-Ray and the many uses to which it is now put, such as in the examination of bales of cotton along the Mexican border to determine whether they contain contraband of war.

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The big basket ball game between teams of Union High and Alhambra High took place last Friday at Alhambra. Three trucks were needed to take the Glendale and Tropico rooters and the five teachers who accompanied them. Union High's team was composed of Carlton West, Miller Fisshel, Orville Williams, Don Hagan, and Tom McIvor. Fred Dodge was the yell leader and did most effective work. In spite of excellent play, Union High lost by three points, the score standing 22 to 25.

YEOMEN NEWS

The Yeomen held their regular business session in their San Fernando Boulevard hall last Friday evening. Two new members were initiated. The dance which followed lasted until midnight and was conducted with enthusiasm. Refreshments were served.

A masquerade party is planned for January 26th.

The Round Table Girls prefaced their meeting this week by a visit to the picture show at Glendale, witnessing "The Old Folks at Home" with Sir Beerbohm Tree in the leading role. At the conclusion of the play they repaired to the home of Miss Olive Moffatt.

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An attendance which taxed the seating capacity of the handsome K. P. Hall at the corner of Brand and Park avenue marked the ceremonies conducted there last Thursday evening for the joint installation of officers of Lodge No. 331 K. of P., and La Halla Temple No. 122 of the Pythian Sisters.

The installing officer of the K. P.'s was James A. Spence of Tropico, District Deputy Grand Chancellor, and he proved most competent, serving with credit to himself and the lodge. The next most conspicuous figure was Mr. George Dodson, Grand Master at Arms, impressive in vesture which outshone even that of Grand Prelate Hibbert. Officers installed were: B. Eachus, Chancellor Commander; S. Brown, Vice Chancellor; Landon Haynes, Prelate; Robert Danner, Master of Work; Wayne Frank, Keeper of Records and Seal; E. R. Best, Master of Exchequer; Earl V. Coleman, Master of Finance; W. W. Dutton, Master at Arms; Wilbur, Inner Guard; C. C. Hapgood, Outer Guard.

The program provided by the Knights was contributed by Miss Helen Best (Mendelssohn's Spring Song, piano solo) and recitations by Miss Spafford, both of which won thunderous applause.

Miss Nellie R. Day of Long Beach served as installing officer for the Sisters, their officials being: Dora Howe, Most Excellent Chief; Amy Miller, Excellent Sr.; Pearl Rittenhouse, Excellent Jr.; Eliza Haines, Manager; Alma Minter, Protector; Blanche Shea, Guard of the Outer Temple; Margaret Coleman, Mistress of Records and Correspondence; Susie Peck, Mistress of Finance; Tine Hammond, Past Chief; Helen Best, Musician.

Mrs. Myra C. K. Shuey, a charter member, presented Mrs. Tine Hammond with the past chief jewel, and to Miss Day, the installing officer, gave on behalf of the Chapter a handsome hand-painted plate.

Speeches were made by Mrs. Horn, of Chapter 173, Los Angeles, by her husband, and by Dr. Ruddy, also of Los Angeles. Delicious refreshments were then served.

The records of Tropico's Building Inspector show that permits for 1916 totaled \$37638 against \$53153 in 1915.

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First it was "Polly of the Circus," then "The Voice of Conscience." Now it is a vaudeville show.

After having twice tugged at the purse-strings and heart-strings of the theatre-going public of Tropico and Glendale, the High School Alumni Association makes another bid for patronage in behalf of the Scholarship Fund.

Tropico is, as usual, well represented on the program. Mrs. Pearl Keller, the accomplished dramatic art and dancing instructress of this city, will appear in the latest ballroom dances.

Joe V. Griffin, A Teller of Tales, will give his famous dramatic monologues, "The District Attorney," and "The Kid's Last Fight."

Owen Rhodes, who wrote last year's play, "The Voice of Conscience," will produce a new one-act drama entitled "Paying the Piper." Prominent in the cast are Dwight W. Stephenson, who has played leads in about everything that could be wished onto him in the last few years, Gladys Justema, star of last year's "Bachelor's Romanée," Dorothy Hobbs, who was featured in a local production of "Daddy Long-legs," and Jim-Henry Ilse, of moving picture fame.

Then there is Margaret McKee, rightly known as "Queen of Whistlers." Miss McKee's reputation is national and would make her a feature of any program. Other musical numbers will be Julius Kranz, violinist par excellence, and the Masked Quartet. Why these singers wear masks is a dark mystery, but it is not because they have reason to be ashamed of their voices.

So there you are! As worthy a half-evening entertainment as has been produced at the Palace Grand in many a day. Half-evening? Yes. Because of the press of business, the theatre could be secured for only one evening, so the association decided to give their scheduled two shows on the same date, January 18. So the first performance will start at 7:15 and the second at 9:00. Come out and enjoy yourself and help the cause.

Mrs. John Seaman and Miss Helen Kohl attended the production of "Everyman" at Trinity Auditorium last Saturday.

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HEARING ON FLOOD CONTROL

As flood control is vital to the interests of the County and the amounts to be appropriated by the County Supervisors and to be assessed against the districts where the work is to be done are up for consideration, a hearing is to be held on the third floor of the old Court House, Los Angeles, next Saturday, January 13th, at ten o'clock. The estimated cost of the work planned in Verdugo Canyon Wash is \$99,800, and the estimated cost of rectification of the Sycamore Canyon Wash through Glendale and Tropico is \$28,925. This meeting is therefore of direct interest to our citizens, and it is hoped that many will attend.

A letter addressed to the Sentinel by Jonathan S. Dodge, Supervisor for this district, calls attention to the Flood Control Bond election to be held February 2nd, and declares it to be "the most vitally necessary piece of people's business that has been projected in many years." The total estimated cost of all the flood control work planned for the Fifth District is \$1,188,005. Voters will do well to inform themselves in regard to these expenditures.

HARD TIMES PARTY

The fathers of the Acacia street school children will entertain the Mothers' club of the school and families with a "Hard Times Party" at G. A. R. Hall Friday, January 19 at 8 p. m. There will be prizes for the most appropriate costumes, plenty of good things to eat and real hard times music for dancing. It will be a program of surprises. Attendance will be by invitation only.

A STOVE BARGAIN

Warnings of a probable fuel famine are being sounded by dealers in wood and coal. With this in view, those who are wise will take advantage of the sale of Osco Heaters by the Southern California Gas Company at its office on Broadway, in Glendale. The regular selling price of these heaters (\$5), has been cut in half because the Company is overstocked and does not wish to carry them over in storage for another season.

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TROPICO W. C. T. U.

Tropico's W. C. T. U. held its regular meeting on Friday at the home of the president, Miss Elsie Anderson. Mrs. Ashton was the leader of the Devotional Hour and gave an inspiring Bible reading. A business meeting followed. Several visitors from the Los Angeles W. C. T. U. were present and were introduced. One of them, for a number of years president of Chili W. C. T. U., gave an informal talk on conditions in temperance work there and methods of conducting W. C. T. U. work in that distant country, after which a social hour followed. Light refreshments were served. Meetings of this Union are held the first Friday of each month and all are made welcome.

Mrs. L. C. Rice came up last week from Venice and spent several days in Tropico.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Acacia school Mothers' club has a called meeting Friday at 2:30 p. m. to hear the new \$75 grafonola which the club purchased for the school. Everybody interested is invited.

Misses Anna and Elsie Anderson, who have been living on West Tenth street, have returned to their home on Virginia Place.

A group of Tropico and Glendale young people which included Jean Anderson, Mattie Werve, Cecelia Lyon, Lila Shea, Eloise Seaman, Ardis Heissler, Walter Beach, William Cronin, Harry Shimp, Robert Dewar, Fred Dodge, Milton Brown and Howard McGillis, were guests at a large dancing party given last Friday evening by Misses Louise and Christine Ferris at their home in Los Angeles. It is reported that the Ferris family will soon return to Glendale to live.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallace Kimberly entertained Los Angeles friends at a New Year's eve party, the guests of honor being Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Waddington.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Whitney of Michigan, who are in Los Angeles for the winter, spent Christmas and New Years with Mr. and Mrs. Hal Davenport. Mrs. Whitney, who is an octogenarian, is Mrs. Davenport's great aunt.

Last Thursday Mrs. Eustace B. Moore of Blanche avenue entertained members of the Dorcas Circle of Los Angeles, of which she is one, at a luncheon and all day session. These ladies meet once in two weeks to sew for the needy.

The sixteenth birthday of Paul Richardson was celebrated at the Richardson home on Riverdale Drive

January 5th. Eleven cousins near his own age were entertained with a five o'clock dinner and in the evening they were joined by other relatives to the number of thirty-five. Family visiting, games and music furnished the entertainment.

Mrs. B. F. Hilliker of Los Angeles was the luncheon guest of Mrs. Eustace B. Moore on Wednesday. Mrs. Hilliker has just returned from San Francisco.

Mrs. J. D. Seymour of Cypress avenue spent New Year's day with her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of Alhambra.

Mrs. George Peterson of Blanche avenue has been entertaining her sister and sons from San Jacinto.

W. H. Harrison, great-grandfather of Benton and Elwood Moore, spent the week with Mrs. Eustace B. Moore on Blanche avenue.

Vernon Porter, son of Mrs. Tom Gaither on Cypress avenue, who has been quite ill, is up and around.

Mrs. J. H. Shook, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Jackson and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Jackson, all of Bushnell, Illinois, are in Southern California for a two months' visit and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Burk of Blanche avenue last week. They are relatives of Mr. Burk and will make his home their headquarters while touring the southern part of the state.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Louis Coole of West Tenth street entertained at dinner Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ford of Glendale.

A Twin-Jitney Special will be given by the Epworth League of the Methodist church at Social Hall January

12th. Next month some time, the League will give Jerusha Dow's Family Album. It will be under the direction of Mrs. Marple Retts and thirty-three will take part.

Tuesday evening R. G. Coole of Glendale, father of Louis Coole of Tropico, left for Seattle in the expectation of making his home there if he likes it and business prospects are inviting. His family will remain here for the present.

Tropico's Presbyterian church was represented at the "Presbyterian" held at Emanuel church, Los Angeles, last Monday by Mesdames S. E. Brown, O. P. Rider, E. S. Barnes, Merritt Ludden, Frank Ashton and David Black.

Earl Armstrong, who is employed in Colton, spent New Year's with parents on Blanche avenue.

During the holidays Mrs. H. Boring entertained sixteen little folks in celebration of the tenth birthday of her son Charles Lester, who received some beautiful gifts. Red and green featured decorations and refreshments.

Mervyn Col of San Jose, who has been the chum of Seymour Smith since his babyhood, visited Los Angeles and San Diego during the Christmas holidays spending a day or two last week with Seymour. Tuesday the boys made the ascent of Mount Lowe, having a royal time in the snow, of which there was plenty to be found.

Letters from Rev. Don Ford, who is at Palm Springs, indicate that he is resting and recuperating and is beginning to be impatient to return to his pastorate. Rev. Henry will conduct service next Sunday morning and Rev. Henry Goodwill in the evening.

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VIOLET LUNCHEON

Mrs. Edwin Virden entertained old friends from Santa Paula with a violet luncheon last Saturday, the guest of honor being Mrs. J. R. Hall. Covers were laid for twelve, a beautiful floral confection in violets centering the table, illuminated with candles in blue candelabra. It was a three-course affair and much enjoyed by the old friends thus brought together, most of whom are now residents of Los Angeles.

P. T. A. MEETING

The regular meeting of the Cerritos avenue P. T. A. last Friday afternoon was enjoyable but uneventful. About thirty-five members were present. Vocal numbers which were greatly enjoyed were given by Miss Mitchell. A question box and discussions growing out of it, completed the program. The picture vote gave the picture for the coming month to Miss Hamilton's room in the Acacia school. Arrangements were made for a candy and popcorn sale at the Cerritos school Wednesday of the present week, and Mrs. Hartley Shaw was made chairman of a committee to arrange for a paid entertainment to raise money for the Association. In the absence of Miss Ellas, Mrs. Meagher served as Secretary.

Tropico's boy scouts under Master Ludden had a meeting in Magnolia School House on San Fernando Road last Friday evening and considered five applications for membership. During the week applicants will take tests. If they pass they will be duly initiated into the company by being run through the spanking machine.

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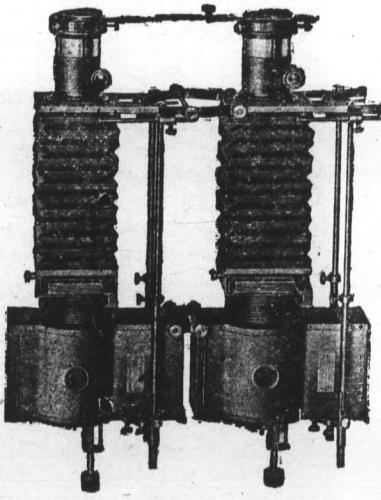
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THURSDAY CLUB MEETING

An excellent program and considerable enthusiasm marked the first meeting of the new year held by the Thursday Afternoon Club last Thursday. Mrs. Edwin Virden was program chairman of the day, and Mrs. G. W. Henry chairman of hostesses, assisted by Mesdames Mabry and McLean and Miss Ida Myers.

At the business session which preceded the program a report was made of the executive session at the home of the President where bills to the amount of \$11.07 were audited and where Mrs. Ella Richardson, chairman of Civics was instructed to attend the Council Meeting and request the City Trustees to place signs on the boulevards announcing the speed limits and also the proximity of the schools as warnings to auto speeders.

The meeting of the Los Angeles District Federation of Clubs at Santa Monica February 27, 28 and 29 was announced, also invitations to send representatives to reciprocity meetings of the Friday Morning Club and Santa Monica Club.

A card party to raise money to meet club obligations at the home of the president, Mrs. C. W. Kimberly, the evening of January 29th, was announced by Mrs. Becker, chairman of Ways and Means.

Miss Myers, Treasurer, submitted her quarterly report showing receipts \$121.66, disbursements \$96.95.

The report of Mrs. Bacon, chairman of philanthropy was read stating that 132 Christmas packages and 12 bundles of magazines had been sent to the County Farm.

Mrs. George Henry, chairman of courtesy, gave an entertaining report of calls made and flowers sent on behalf of the club.

Mrs. Ella Richardson reported the near prospect of a shelter station on the P. E. at San Fernando and Brand. She asked that paper be saved and turned over to the Civics Committee for sale, the proceeds to be used for civic work. She referred to the \$150 debt of the Municipal Playground Association and announced that a card party to raise money to pay it, would be held in February, probably the 22nd.

The president announced that at the next club meeting ballots would be circulated for the nomination of a candidate for the presidency of the District Federation, stating that Mrs.

L. B. Hogue and Mrs. Mattison B. Jones had been suggested for the office.

The program opened with a piano duet by Mesdames Van Etten and Fry, "Il Trovatore" selections, which so pleased the club that the repetition of the Anvil Chorus was demanded.

Mrs. George Barry, publisher of the Woman's Bulletin and speaker of the day, was then introduced. Though her general theme was Child Welfare, she specialized on the moving picture as a force in education and the necessity for its regeneration if it is to exert a beneficial influence on the child. She spoke of the demoralizing suggestions contained in many pictures which could not be condemned as vicious by a censor. She stated that for months she had been interviewing picture producers, actors, managers of exchanges, and attending picture theatres to study the situation; that the producers and exchanges declare that if women want clean, decent pictures they have only to unite in an expression of what they want and to patronize good pictures, to get them, that women do not realize their power to obtain what they desire. The producers are in business for profit and to give the public what it wants. Mrs. Barry also spoke of the film companies which are working on pictures for children which will soon be ready for the screen. She stated that Tally's Theatre told her "Little Mary Sunshine," a clean, wholesome play, was the most profitable film they had run in months. Moving picture production, she said, is the third greatest industry in the world, and it centers in Southern California.

At the conclusion of the talk, Mesdames Barker, Richardson, Fleming and others, discussed picture plays and their effect upon children. Mrs. Barker suggested that an effort be made to revive the Tropico Moving Picture Theatre under the patronage and supervision of the club, and the matter was referred to the executive committee for investigation.

Tea and wafers contributed by Mrs. Frank Booth were then served by the hostesses.

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DEATH OF THOMAS BROWN

Last Friday morning death called Thomas Brown, an octogenarian who has been a resident of Tropico for twelve years and who has many friends here. He became chilled during the cold weather last week, pneumonia developed and he had not sufficient vitality to battle with the disease. He was born in Tennessee and has been a resident of California for sixty-four years. He is survived by a widow, Elizabeth Ann, by two sons, William T. and Henry L. and by four daughters, Mesdames Mary Guthrie, Ada Hewitt, Annie Anderson and Laura Hawthorn.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the parlors of Scovern, Letton and Fry, and interment was made in Forest Lawn.

POST AND CORPS

The following officers will be installed at the joint meeting of the Post and Corps at G. A. R. Hall Thursday night, January 11th:

Corps: President elect, Mrs. Ada Atkinson; Sr. V. president, Elizabeth Stafford; J. V. Nina Richards; Secy. Hattie Tiffany; Treas., Louise Purnell; Conductor, Jessie Anderson; Asst. Con., Minnie Hough; Patriotic Instruction, Susie Ogier; Guard Margaret Sanford; Asst. Guard, Margaret Hibbert; Chaplain, Abbie Haskell; 1st Color Bearer, Alma Minter; 2nd C. B., Jennie Philips; 3rd C. B., Tine Hammond; 4th C. B., Lena Roberts; Press Correspondent, Hannah Brown; Installing Officer, Adelaide Imler; Installing Conductor, Alma Dutton; Queen Danner, Musician. Delegates to Department Convention, Ramona Crawford, Ella Watson, Elizabeth Spafford, Louise Purnell; Alternates, Queen Danner, Mary Sanford, Susie Ogier, Edith Bruck.

Post: Post Commander, T. A. Robinson; Sr. Vice, C. H. Clark; Jr. Vice, O. H. Jones; Quartermaster, J. J. Weiler; Surgeon, Dr. A. H. Guernsey; Chaplain, C. R. Norton; Officer of the Day, R. N. Taylor; Officer of the Guard, J. B. Hickman; Flag Bearer, J. A. Thayer; Delegates to Department Encampment: C. H. Clark, J. H. Jordan, Tom Gillett; Alternates: J. J. Wilson, A. Sherman, Jno. Sauer.

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PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board was called to order at the usual hour with all members present.

Written communications read by the Clerk included applications to sell milk and cream in Tropico from the Rossman Dairy of Burbank, and E. L. White at Magnolia and Pioneer streets. Referred to Health Officer Mabry for investigation and report.

Taxicab Licenses

Applications for taxicab licenses were granted to H. O. Jones of La Crescenta, A. Marquis, A. Hoyt, A. Wilson, C. Kingsbury and F. E. Boynton.

Gas Controversy

Mrs. Thompson appeared before the Board to report the proposition made to residents of Green and Hill streets for the extension of service by the So. Cal. Gas Company, viz. a payment of \$75 to be refunded to consumers if at any time within three years the list of consumers should be increased to seven. She stated the proposition was not satisfactory to the residents seeking service and appealed to the Council to order the Gas Company to put the gas mains in.

Moved by Henry and seconded by Seal that a demand be made upon the Gas Company to lay the necessary mains to serve these consumers. The motion was carried and the City Clerk was instructed to make the demand upon the Company.

Emergency Foot Bridges

Mr. Todd of Glendale avenue called attention to the flooding of Glendale avenue during bad storms, and to the fact that pedestrians have been forced to wade through water in crossing the street. This discomfort could be obviated, he said, if the city would place planks chained to the light poles at certain points which could be utilized as bridges over floods when needed, and at other times be left on the parkways. The Board approved the suggestion and voted to instruct the Street Superintendent to provide five planks two feet by five feet, on Glendale avenue, at the intersections of Moore, Park, Acacia, Cypress and Tropico avenues, and a similar plank

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on Park and San Fernando, the planks to be chained to electric light posts.

Street Names

The City Attorney submitted an ordinance embodying the changes in the names of streets recommended by the City Engineer and approved by the Board at the previous meeting, and the same was read by the City Clerk. After discussion and a few changes, it was declared read for the first time on motion of Henry.

Columbus Avenue Improvement

Mr. Siegel of 523 Columbus avenue, appeared before the Board to protest against the abandonment of the opening of Columbus avenue, declaring that he had purchased and built on the promise of street improvement. He expressed the opinion that he could persuade residents to reconsider and petition for the improvement, and the Board agreed to entertain the petition if presented.

Financial Reports

The report of the City Treasurer for the month of December was read showing disbursements of \$1668.95 and balance on hand in general fund January 1st, \$599.93 balance on hand in Library Fund \$184.78, balance in Bond Fund \$310.51, total balances \$1095.22.

The report of the City Clerk showed balance December 1, \$665.79, December receipts \$1556.53, making total of \$2222.32, disbursements \$1622.39, leaving balance in general fund \$599.93. Reports ordered placed on file.

City Motorcycle

President Peters, who had been authorized to purchase a motorcycle for the Police Dept., reported that a Harley, 2-cylinder machine with three speeds would probably be bought at cost of \$295.75 and that the speedometer on the old machine would probably be transferred to the new one.

He also reported that the brush left from street tree trimming would be removed in a day or two.

Building Permit

Trustee Seal reported an application from Johnson Brothers for a permit to erect division partitions in Anderson's garage, and a canopy frame for the protection of market vegetables, the cost not to exceed in all probability \$20. In that event, the Board held that no permit would

be required, but Mr. Bullis protested against the extension as objectionable to property owners. The matter was therefore referred to the Chairman of the Board and the Building Inspector for investigation and report with the understanding that if no substantial objections were presented at the next meeting, the permit would be granted.

Demands

Demands were submitted as follows and ordered paid: Puente Oil Co., \$3.40; Pacific Tel. Co., \$1.35; T. G. & Tr. Co., \$2.20; Harris Oil for road purposes, \$28; Lumber for bridges \$17.62.

The Water Problem

Trustee Alspach then brought up the question of fire hydrant bills of \$75 per month submitted by the Water Company declaring he would never O. K. them. This led to a discussion of the situation in which members finally agreed that the interests of the city demand its ownership of a water system. The advisability of building a new system or acquiring the present plant about to be transferred to the reorganized Tropico Water Company was discussed. President Peters declared that Mr. Brand's offer to sell to Tropico for \$55000 was still open but that in all probability it would not hold after the reorganization had been effected and bonds sold as authorized by the Railroad Commission. Mr. Peters also said that the eighteen inches of water owned by the Company are valued by the Railroad Commission at \$2000 an inch or \$36,000 and that there is enough good material in the system in extensions and betterments and in meters, etc., to be fairly worth \$20,000 more. Doctor Mabry strongly opposed building an independent system which he declared would be wrecked by the competition of the old company. Trustee Henry thought a bond issue should be large enough to provide for a new reservoir. Dr. Mabry argued that the income of \$11,000 a year would yield a surplus of \$5000 to \$6000 which could be allowed to accumulate for improvements of that character. In the end the Board voted to refer the matter to a committee of three to consist of the President and two others whom he might appoint, whose duty it would be to collect all data bearing on the question, and report.

The Board then adjourned.